



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

10th January 2020

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### MONDAY 13th JANUARY

Clubs to Start

### FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

Form 4 Cake Sale

### WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY

Forms 5 and 6 Inter House Sports Tournament

### TUESDAY 28th JANUARY

ESB Exam Forms 4,5 and 6

### THURSDAY 30th JANUARY

Pre Reception Class Trip Sealife Centre

### THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Life Support Roadshow Forms 5 and 6

### FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

Final Swimming for Forms 1,2 and 3

Break up for Half Term

### MONDAY 17th -

### FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY

Half Term

### MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Children return to school

### FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Swimming starts for Forms 4,5 and 6

### FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

School Trip to the Museum of Power Form



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope that you all had a happy and restful break. I am delighted with how well the children have settled back into the school routine. The children have had a busy first week with lots of new topics starting in their classes that they are looking forward to learning about. I would like to welcome some new families that have started with us this week: Ethan Bandakpara-Taylor in Nursery I, Rose Hayes in Reception, Freya Gower in Form 1 and Jack Gower in Form 4. I know that they will be welcomed into the Maldon Court community.

In celebration assembly on Tuesday, our new school captains were presented with their badges. I have absolutely no doubt that the children will be a credit to their class and the whole school.

### FORM CAPTAINS

Reception	Form 1	Form 2	Form 3	Form 4	Form 5
Lucas Chan	Elizabeth Neall	Daniel Baker	Harry Barker	Ella Farr	Alex Willey

### House Captains

Australia	Canada	New Zealand
Giselle Kitasoboka	Rosie Smith	Alex Jones

### Sports Captains

Louisa Rainger  
Hudson Williams

## ★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

On behalf of everyone at Maldon Court we wish:

Levi Bamgboye, Barney Kingston and Giselle Kitasoboka a very Happy Birthday

**FOMCS PAPER PLATE COMPETITION** - We are pleased to announce the winners of the FOMCS Plate competition. There were so many amazing entries that it was very difficult for the Open the Book visitors to decide on the winners. Congratulations to George Fisher, Emily Blacknall and Kitty Ross who won the competition for EYFS, KSI and KS2 respectively. The total amount raised was £48 that goes towards the FOMCS fund.

**CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT** - Before Christmas we held a Chess Tournament for children in Forms 3 and 4. I am proud to say that the children played extremely well and took the tournament very seriously. The overall winner was Arnold Head in Form 4. The runners up were Harry Mason in Form 4 and Jacob Day in Form 3. Well done to all children who came along to Chess club and learnt a valuable new skill. This term children in Forms 5 and 6 will have the opportunity learn and compete in an end of term tournament.

*Mrs Abrehart*



**NURSERY** - Nursery have had a great first week back. Thank you for the lovely photos you have sent in showing the children enjoying Christmas, they were lovely to see and are displayed on our Home Link Board in Nursery. Our topic this fortnight is Winter and Colours, the children have been mixing and matching colours as well as reading stories about the season. We also enjoyed some 'Colour Meditation', the children relaxed and listened well, following the instructions. For optional homework, please bring in a piece of colourful artwork to display in Nursery.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**FORM 2** - This week Form 2 have been writing instructions. They have written instructions for their morning routine and how to make a jam sandwich. They have created some super command sentences which have included time connectives, imperative verbs and adverbs. Well done Form 2, keep practising those spreading skills.

*Mrs Baron*











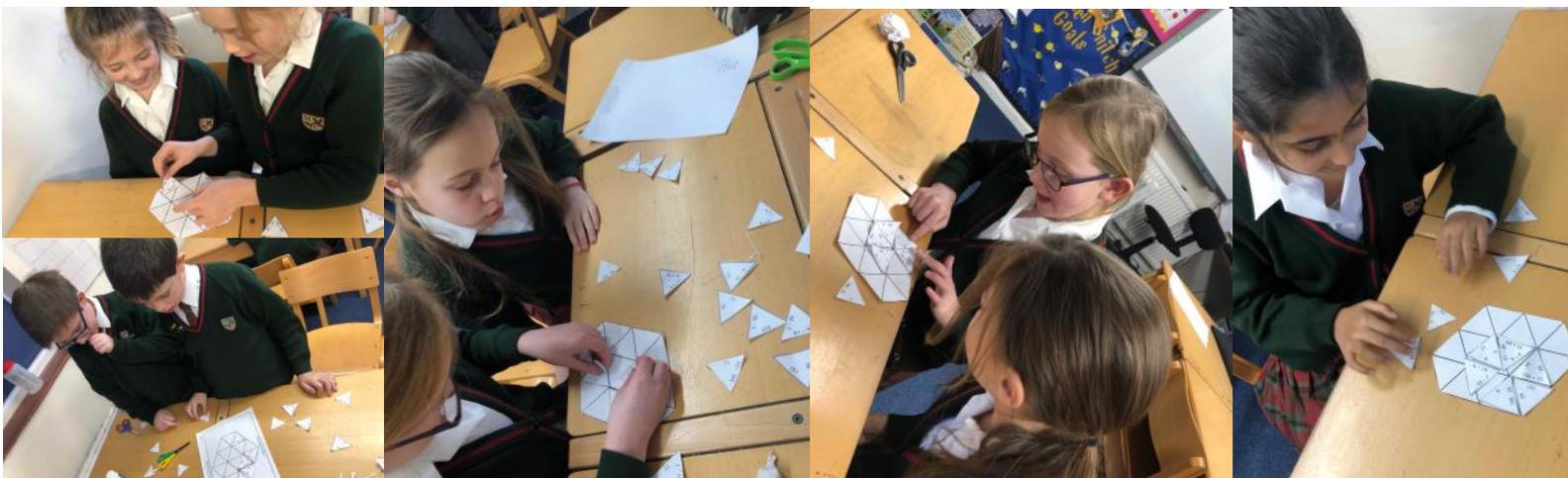

**FORM 3** - Over the Christmas break Form 3 were asked to create a magnetic board game which used their Forces and Magnet science knowledge. I was amazed at the results of these board games and definitely believe they all belong in a toy shop. On Monday the children got to show their partners what they had created and discuss how the game used magnetic force to attract materials. Fantastic effort Form 3. Well done.

Miss Vaughan



**FORM 4** - This week, Form 4 have been challenged with Tri-jigsaw Maths. The children worked extremely hard in pairs to construct a grid shape. Form 4 had to cut out the triangles and place them edge to edge on the grid with matching calculations. The number facts were varied between addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Form 4 loved beating the Tri-jigsaw and enjoyed using their mastery of their number facts in a different way.

Miss Broadbridge



**FORM 5** - Thankyou to everyone in Form 5. I have really enjoyed looking at the work the class produced from the homework choice sheet given. The standard of work across the board was phenomenal. Well done to the children and thank you parents for your support.

This week the children have hit the ground running and got straight back to work. Just a snapshot of some of the topics we have been studying: performing poetry, conducting interviews as reporters and writing newspaper reports in English. Simplifying fractions using the Highest Common Factor in Maths and in Science learning about changes (physical and chemical caused by heating and cooling) and also investigating the test for the production of Carbon Dioxide in an experiment.

A great start to the Spring Term.

Mrs Bonner



**MAISIE IN TRAINING** - Maisie has been working very hard on her puppy obedience training. While Maisie is training she will wear her high visibility coat pictured opposite. Please could we kindly ask that parents and children do not approach Maisie whilst she is training. We thank you in advance for your support and we all look forward to when Maisie can spend more time with the children in and around school.  
Mrs Guest



**CAROLE PROUT** - It is with sadness that I must inform you that Carole Prout, our school cleaner, died on Christmas Day. Carole worked at the school for over 15 years, coming in every night after the children had left. Carole was absolutely dedicated to our school, never missing a day in 15 years and working through the holidays to keep the school sparkling and bright. It was Carole who gave up her time to painstakingly repair, sand and repaint all the wooden rainbow benches throughout the school. It was also Carole who, throughout one summer, sanded and treated all the traditional swing top desks throughout the school by hand. Her work was very much behind the scenes but her contributions were so valued by our school. Staff working late at night have fond memories of Carole working her way through the school every night, she always had time to stop and chat and was always keen to do whatever she could to enhance the school for the children. We miss her dearly.

Carole was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the summer and shortly before her retirement due to ill health we were thrilled to invite her in to school during the summer term to make a presentation to her. The children heard about her work and presented her with a book they had made and all contributed to. Carole didn't like to make a fuss, but she was touched by the children's gratitude and kind words. It was one of the few occasions Carole got to see the school during the day time and we all look back on this memory with fondness.

Carole's funeral will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> January and a delegation of our staff will be in attendance. Whilst we visited Carole over the Autumn term we let her know about a group of our staff who had signed up to the London 10k Winter Run in February to raise money for her. Carole asked that we donate any money raised to Farleigh Hospice who provided enormous comfort and support to her and her family. We have already raised in excess of £450 from our Christmas Concert retiring collection. We have 14 staff running the 10k race on 9<sup>th</sup> February, for most, it is their first running event. If you would like to make any donation to support their efforts a collection is being made in the school office.

PE Timetable - W/C 13th January	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
F1	F2
PR	R
F5	F6
All Weather Pitch 1-3pm	All Weather Pitch 1-3pm
F4	F3

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher

**FOMCS** - Happy New Year to everyone, we wish you all health and happiness for 2020. We will be getting back into the swing of things over the next fortnight deciding on some new and exciting fundraising ideas, suggestions are welcome. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd January at 2.30pm, The Blue Boar.  
Mrs Lopez

NEXT WEEK'S MENU		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad.	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
Weds	Chicken korma served with rice and naan bread	Mini doughnuts and chocolate sauce or fruit
Thurs	Brunch - sausages, bacon, hash brown and baked beans.	Orange jelly or fruit
Fri	Fish fingers served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad	Peach cobbler and custard or fruit

